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Object 29

1. Wismuth A.G. Object 29, with administrative headquarters at Neustadt/Orla (M51/J84), serves as the Main Administration for Objects (Gesamtobjektleitung). This administration is responsible for all measures designed to further and increase mining production and has the right to give instructions to all other objects. On 20 February 1952, the object management was transferred from Lauter near Aus to Neustadt/Orla. The chief of the Main Administration of Objects is the Russian (fnu) Krashkin.
2. Object 29 also functions as a separate construction object (Bauobjekt) within the Wismuth A.G. object complex and works open mines and shafts (Tage- und Untertagebau). The object extends over the area around Neustadt/Orla, Triebes (M51/K04), Gossenthal, Otticha, Neckensdorf (M51/J98) and Hilbersdorf.

Object 11

3. Next to Object 29, Object 11 is the most important member of the Wismuth A.G. object complex. It serves as the Main Administration for Construction (Oberste Bauleitung). This administration has headquarters in Ronneburg (M51/K16) and is responsible for handling all construction problems and work for other objects. It prepares and delivers all machines needed for mining and construction and takes care of major repairs.
4. As in the case of Object 29, Object 11 is also a separate construction object which has under its direction the area around Ronneburg, Sorge (M51/K14) and Settdorf (M51/J30). Object 11 works both open pit mines and shafts in three shifts a day and employs approximately 6,000 workers, 2,000 on each shift. The shafts near Sorge and Settdorf are being mined very intensively, and the ore obtained from these shafts has an especially high uranium content. Very rich pitchblend is also being mined in Ronneburg. Excavations have been made near Katzdorf, and it is alleged that an especially rich uranium ore vein about 14 meters thick has been discovered. Work has also begun on a smelting blast furnace there; it is known that there was such a blast furnace in Ilmenau (M51/J23).

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Object 90

5. The administrative headquarters for Object 90, which is a construction object, are located in Gera (M51/K06). Object 90 has under its jurisdiction the area around Gera, Schleiz (M51/J82) and Greiz (M51/K13). At present, this object is being reorganized, and a part of it has already been transferred to Object 29. The administrative headquarters are supposed to be moved to Zeulenroda (M51/K03).

Object 86

6. Object 86 is a construction object. Its administrative headquarters are in Saalfeld (M51/J23), and one work staff (Arbeitsstab) is located at the Hotel Itting in Probstzella (M51/J52). The mining area of Object 86 is the region around Saalfeld, Probstzella, Dittrichshütte and Lippelsdorf. In Lippelsdorf rich uranium ore deposits have allegedly been discovered, and shallow shafts have revealed a pitchblend deposit which extends to 700 meters below the surface of the earth and which allegedly promises to be the most productive deposit of its type thus far discovered. Dittrichshütte is supposed to be completely evacuated, and the construction of dwellings for the evacuees has already begun in Bad Blankenburg (M51/J43).

Object 30

7. Object 30 is an experimental object (Versuchsobjekt) which has its headquarters in Rudolstadt (M51/J54).<sup>1</sup> It consists of the territory around Saalfeld, Grafenthal and Dittrichshütte. New exploratory drillings are being undertaken in Taubenbach (sic), Lippelsdorf, Gebersdorf (M51/J52), Gosselsdorf, Grossgeschwenda and Oberloquitz, as well as in all the villages in the Saalfeld Kreis.<sup>2</sup>
8. Three shifts a day work at Objects 86 and 30. It is estimated that the total number of workers employed at both objects amounts to about 3,000 people, 1,000 on each shift.

1.  Comment. This conflicts with the information on Object 30 in

2.  Comment. Probably  Taubach (M51/J56).

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